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GCSE Equivalents for 2008-09

The Learning & Skills Council announced in March 2008 that it will no longer fund GCSE equivalent courses which sit outside the requirements of an Access to HE course. This means that centres which have offered GCSE equivalent courses as additional funded qualification aims for Access students cannot do so for 2008-08.

OCNSER's Actions to Support Providers

In order to support our Access centres offering GCSE equivalent provision for Access students we have decided to:

- Promote our existing Level 2 Maths and English offer using the NOCN Progression Qualifications for courses offered outside Access provision
 - Consult with Access centres to develop a strategy for 2009-10 (see separate GCSE Equivalents for Access Consultation June 2008 paper
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Level 2 Maths and English offer using the NOCN Progression Qualifications for courses offered outside Access provision

Prior to the formation of OCNSER as an AVA, the old OCN Kent & Medway AVA offered alternative Level 2 Maths and English schemes to meet the matriculation requirements of Access students applying for teacher training, nursing etc. These are based upon the Level 2 literacy and numeracy units within the QCA approved NOCN Progression Qualifications.

These schemes were carried over into OCNSER and are still available. Centres which have used the old OCN Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Sussex GCSE equivalent programmes can use the alternative Level 2 schemes based on the NOCN Progression Qualifications for 2008-09.

Qualification & Credit Framework (QCF) v National Qualification Framework (NQF):

The NOCN Progression Qualifications now exist in both the QCF and the NQF. Providers should check which version their institution wishes them to

use for 2008-09. Please note the Qualification and unit codes are different for each qualification. In the QCF the qualifications are called 'Qualifications *in* Progression', in the NQF they are called the 'Qualifications *for* Progression'.

Please be aware centres can continue to use the existing non-qualification bearing GCSE equivalent schemes if they are not claiming separate LSC funding for this provision.

Level 2 English

| Level 2 Award for Progression – Qualification Reference 100/4966/6 | | | | |
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| Click below to go to NDAQ for full details: www accreditedqualifications.org.uk/qualification/10049666.seo.aspx | | | | |
| Students require any 12 credits from the units below | | | | |
| Unit Title | Level | Credit | NOCN Code | QCA Code |
| Demonstrating Speaking & Listening | Two | 3 | HD3/2/QQ/012 | J/103/0109 |
| Improving Punctuation & Grammar Skills | Two | 3 | HD3/2/QQ/014 | L/103/0130 |
| Using Writing for Meaning | Two | 3 | HD3/2/QQ/017 | R/103/0162 |
| Improving Spelling Skills | Two | 3 | HD3/2/QQ/015 | Y/103/0132 |
| Using Spelling Rules and Strategies | Two | 3 | HD3/2/QQ/016 | A/103/0141 |

Level 2 Maths

| Level 2 Award for Progression – Qualification Reference 100/4966/6 | | | | |
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| Click below to go to NDAQ for full details: www accreditedqualifications.org.uk/qualification/10049666.seo.aspx | | | | |
| Students require any 12 credits from the units below | | | | |
| Unit Title | Level | Credit | NOCN Code | QCA Code |
| Understanding Common Measures and Shape | Two | 3 | R/103/0145 | HD4/2/QQ/009 |
| Understanding Data Handling and Probability | Two | 3 | Y/103/0146 | HD4/2/QQ/010 |
| Using Algebra and Graphs | Two | 3 | R/103/0159 | HD4/2/QQ012 |
| Using Calculations | Two | 3 | J/103/0160 | HD4/2/QQ/013 |

Students Needing Both Maths and English

If students require both Level 2 Courses in Maths and English then they can be entered for the Level 2 Certificate for Progression which requires the achievement of at least 18 credits at Level 2.

Click below to go to NDAQ for full details:

www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/qualification/10049678.seo.aspx

Please note: Where these courses are provided as separate learning aims for students they must be registered with OCNSER as separate courses and learner registration fees using the 2008-09 charges will apply

Level 2 Science

Level 2 Science Units are being added to the QCF version of the NOCN Qualifications in Progression for 2008-09. OCNSER will explore the support to develop this as a Level 2 supplementary course for Access providers via the consultation exercise outlined below.

Consultation with Access centres re GCSE Equivalents for 2009-10

A separate proforma has been produced for this consultation. This can be downloaded as a Word Document from our [Access Download Page](#) (scroll down the page and click on the Access Briefing Papers section). If you are reading a printed copy of this Briefing please use the address below:

www.ocnkm.ac.uk/access/Access%20Page.html

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